

# CAIRNS-INNISFAIL

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ONE DAY TOUR



*Fisher's Falls Innisfail*

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Many attractive excursions have been planned for visitors to Queensland, but none has been offered with more pleasure and greater confidence. The Queensland Government Tourist Bureau recommends this tour as one which should make a strong appeal to every Australian. The amazing richness and beauty of North Queensland cannot be fully appreciated unless the tourist's itinerary includes a journey along the littoral south of Cairns.

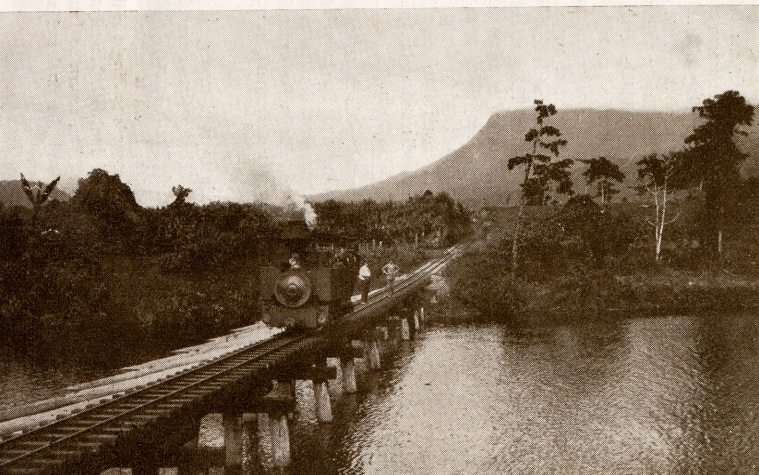


Mena Creek Falls, Paronella Park.

PARONELLA Park, which is featured as part of this tour, is situated at Mena Creek, about 13 miles from Innisfail. In this Park, consisting of 12 acres, the owner, Mr. Paronella, has occupied some years and expended a large amount of money to provide a tourist attraction which he rightly claims is unique in Australia.

In a perfect setting of virgin jungle, the visitor will find a number of quaint architectural features, constructed of concrete and apparently of Spanish influence in which various services are provided for tourists—castellated buildings, balconies that are a standing invitation to the serenader and even a replica of a Spanish castle. Hydro-electric power and light, modern sanitation and appointments, are but some of the extraordinary features of this outstanding attraction situated in the heart of the jungle. Unusual facilities are provided to cater for the appetite, entertainment, and comfort of visitors.

Within the Park are the beautiful Mena Creek Falls and below them a great basin which forms a perfect bathing pool. Picturesque jungle walks, fountains, tennis courts, a bowling green, a skating rink, and dressing rooms for bathers are numbered amongst the many attractions of Paronella Park, the whole comprising a show place so beautiful and unique that it alone justifies the trip.



Russell River and Bellenden-Ker Range.



Cane fields, near Babinda.

THE settlement of tropical Australia is one of the gravest problems that has taxed the ingenuity of statesmanship. Intimately associated with it are the questions of defence and the White Australia ideal. If for no other reason, therefore, the well-informed Australian will desire to see for himself the remarkable development of the sugar industry in the coastal areas lying between Cairns and Innisfail because it is in this region that the most amazing progress in the settlement of the tropics has been made.

Ninety-five per cent. of the population of tropical Australia is concentrated in North Queensland. A generation ago it was a commonly accepted dictum that the white man could not live and work in the tropics. To-day, North Queenslanders are demonstrating to interested observers throughout the world that permanent white settlement can be accomplished within the tropics without loss of fertility, mentality, or physique. Nowhere is this better illustrated than along the Cairns-Innisfail littoral.

In the words of the first Federal Royal Commission "the problem of the sugar industry to-day is not, save in subordinate respects, a problem of industry, or wealth or of production; it is primarily and essentially a problem of settlement and defence."



Johnstone River at Innisfail.

INNISFAIL, sometimes called the two-million-pound town, because that is the approximate annual distribution of money by the four sugar mills operating in the district, is perhaps the most interesting of all North Queensland's sugar centres. Situated in the heart of the sugar country, it has a strange cosmopolitan population, and although Britishers greatly predominate, the visitor may see Danes, Swedes, Italians, Germans, Chinese, Japanese, and even a few turbaned nomads from Northern India and the Afghan border.

This, together with its amazingly rich lands and phenomenal rainfall, which averages 144 inches annually, is usually accepted as Innisfail's outstanding feature but little is heard of its great scenic beauty. Actually, no lovelier setting has been given to any North Queensland town. The environs of Innisfail are remarkably beautiful, and the tourist will be amply repaid for a visit. The town is situated near the junction of two branches of the Johnstone River, a noble waterway which makes a great aquatic sweep to the coast. It is virtually beleaguered by great unbroken plains of verdant cane which spread to the distant ranges and provide glowing panoramas. Twelve miles away is Mourilyan with its beautiful harbour. Flying Fish Point, six miles distant, is a favourite surfing resort. The district contains numerous waterfalls, the finest being Fisher's and Mena Creek.





*Tropical Jungle in Parqnella Park.*

## THE NORTH QUEENSLAND LITTORAL

**T**O leave Cairns without a visit to the district lying between Cairns and Innisfail is to depart with only a partial knowledge of the beauty and wealth of North Queensland. The tourist will find the journey from Cairns to Innisfail a revelation and a delight. The railway route is undoubtedly the most interesting in North Queensland, and the scenery entirely different from that of the Cairns Hinterland. The journey is made particularly attractive when it is taken in one of the speedy rail motor cars which possess the structural features of road motor cars for sightseeing, and have the added advantage of a perfectly smooth and dustless track to travel on.

A quick run through the environs of Cairns brings the traveller to Gordonvale, heralded by the sweet aroma of crushed cane from the adjacent sugar mill. Imposing Walsh Pyramid (3,000 feet) stands sentinel to the south of the town, and the Mulgrave River flows southwards into its lovely valley. Then follow many broad full rivers, the Josephine, Russell, and Johnstone, interspersed with innumerable swiftly flowing streams. The valley becomes an immense carpet of green and gold on which miniature engines, reminiscent of our childhood, are drawn as if by some irresistible magnet with long rakes of succulent cane, towards the great mills. The pattern varies. There are patches of virgin jungle, planters' homesteads almost engulfed in the canefields, and to the right the majestic Bellenden-Ker Range, richly decorated with dense tropical vegetation, whose crowning peak soars into cloudland at 5,181 feet. Bartle Frere, Queensland's tallest landpile, with an altitude of 5,287 feet, lies behind Babinda.

This scenery has no counterpart outside Queensland. It is a continuous everchanging picture in bright Northern lights and colours, fast moving in crushing time when the insatiable maws of the crushers demand feverish activity in the canefields, and the incessant attention of thousands of farmers, cutters, and transport workers.

At Innisfail a change is made to road motor cars, and a 38-mile tour of the district follows. The route to Paronella Park passes through Innisfail and parallels South Johnstone River for some distance. Arrived at the park, lunch is served, and an inspection follows. The tour then proceeds to Pingin Hill, which affords splendid panoramic views of Innisfail, Mourilyan Harbour, and the surrounding district. The return to Innisfail is made *via* the Millaa Millaa road, and the final rail stage to Cairns then commences.



# INCLUSIVE COST.

For parties of five or more.

Covering rail and road transportation, admission to Paronella Park and lunch

21/- per head.

Accommodation is of one class only on rail motor cars. First-class accommodation is provided when trains are used.

The tour may be undertaken on any week day and on alternate Sundays, but visitors to Cairns during the winter season are advised to use the special rail motor service which is provided on Saturdays.

## ITINERARY ON SATURDAYS.

(Winter Season Only.)

8.20 a.m. .. Depart Cairns by rail motor.  
11.20 a.m. .. Arrive Innisfail.  
11.25 a.m. .. Depart Innisfail by road motor.  
12.0 noon .. Arrive Paronella Park.  
Inspection and Luncheon.  
1.30 p.m. .. Depart Paronella Park.  
Tour of district by road motor.  
3.35 p.m. .. Depart Innisfail by rail motor.  
6.0 p.m. .. Arrive Cairns.

## RAILWAY TIMETABLE.

	Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.		Sat.		Alter- nate Sun- days.	
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M. Signifies that the Service is supplied by Rail Motor Car.

T. Indicates that a Train is provided.

\* The Rail Motor Service on Saturdays is arranged especially for tourists during the Winter Season, which usually extends from May to September.

† The tour, on alternate Sundays, does not include a motor drive round Innisfail and district, but covers transportation between Innisfail and Paronella Park, also admission and lunch.

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